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AAM	http://www.aam-us.org/events/annual-meeting	21000		299/515		Sunday- 4 Wednesday	Programs are not available online.	
AASLH	http://www.aasih.org/am2012.htm			225/290/315		4 Wednesday- Saturday	Online option for 6 "hot topic" sessions and featured speakers; access to all sessions for 6 months after	
ACA	http://archivists.ca/content/annual-conference	600	150	Not available		3 Wednesday (reception only)- Saturday	Opening is a reception, then sessions start the next day; options for "focused debate" sessions as well as roundtables and Pecha Kucha; East-West softball game	
ALA	http://www.alaannual.org/	60000	20134	170/190		4 Friday-Monday	Facilitated conversations; "Masters series" of 30 minutes sessions; discussion group sessions sponsored by RTs	
AHA	http://www.historians.org/annual/2013/index.cfm	14000	4800-5200	162/190		3.5 Thursday-Sunday	Claim 4 dozen affiliated groups meet with them, sharing space/cost for rooms, scheduling, events, etc.; they do have an anti-discrimination policy for choosing meeting sites; tours are offered at a cost; they do negotiate rates at several hotels; events other than sessions are really spread out, including awards; while most sessions are traditional papers/panels, there is a workshop and a THATCamp session; there's a free online "TV" Channel with video highlights/special programs from past meetings, plus footage from sessions on YouTube.	
AIC	http://www.conservation-us.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pagelid=710	3500		299/349/385		5 Wednesday- Saturday	Exhibitors have the option to sponsor different things, like a coffee break, a reception, transportation or even a general session. There are tours as well as the "Angel Program" which is a volunteer effort to work on local collections. Sessions for past meetings are available on YouTube. Meeting themes are suggested via a member survey.	
AMIA	http://www.amianet.org/events/conference.php	750	500-650	350/395/450		4 Wednesday- Friday (Monday- Tuesday for workshops)	Focus on one big event: the screening night, which anyone can contribute to. Although this is specific to moving images, having one major event is a possible scenario. Room share program; newcomer's mixer; "open meetings" on skills like writing.	
ARA	http://www.archives.org.uk/ara-conference/the-ara-conference.html	2239		Not available		3 Wednesday- Friday	Break out sessions on topics led by experts (with nothing scheduled against them); conference blog with posts on each day. Website updated with photos and session descriptions daily.	
ARLIS/NA	http://www.arlisna.org/news/conferences/c	1000		225/325		4 Thursday-Monday	Yoga offered each morning; "self-scheduled" rooms available for booking; far more special interest meetings than sessions; informal subject meet ups on schedule.	
ARMA	http://www.arma.org/conference/2012/Ci	10000		1099/1349		3 Sunday-Tuesday	Podcasts of sessions from previous years; education sessions are available for purchase as audio. There is an extra-cost "executive level" session track. Exhibit hall reception is a "pub crawl" with different refreshments at each section to encourage visitors. Dining tour to encourage net-working.	
ARSC	http://www.arsc-audio.org/conference/ https://www.archivists.org	1000+		Member 150/175, Spouse/Partner 85/95, Nonmembers 175/200, Students 75/85, Student Nonmembers 85/95, Thursday or Friday only 75, Saturday only 30		4 Wednesday- Saturday	Conference recordings available online as mp3s. Roommate clearinghouse service. Optional post conference Sunday tour. 2012 offering its pre-conference workshop in a live streaming online version for those who are unable to attend the conference in person in Rochester, NY - An archived version will also be made available to all registrants for a limited time. Silent auction, money goes to ARSC.	
ASA	http://www.archivists.org.au/page/Learning_and	700+				6 Tuesday-Sunday	Morning and afternoon tea, and lunch served every day.	
Code4Lib	http://code4lib.org/conference				150	4 Monday-Thursday	People sign up with their interest in attending a session via a wiki. Session slides available online. Past session videos also available online. You sign up for lightning talks the morning of the first day of the conference - people sign up for slots in a particular timeframe (T 4:10-4:10, W 4:5-5:00, Th 10:45-11). There is a live stream for some sessions.	
CNI	http://www.cni.org/events/membership	200 institutions	Each member organization can send two representatives			2 Monday-Tuesday	Project briefings make up the sessions: one-hour breakout sessions that address issues of current interest to the membership. Some videos and slides of presentations are available online, as well as podcasts via Educause. Orientation for first-time attendees.	
COSA	http://www.statearchivists.org/meetings/index.htm	50+	Since 2002 meets jointly with NAGARA and/or SAA.					
DATA	http://www.dataconference.org/					3 Wednesday- Friday	Welcome & Farewell cocktail half hours. 4 conference topic areas and sub-topics guide paper submissions. Requests for special sessions, tutorials and demos proposals for 2013 conference. Saturday THATCamp and CURATE Camp. CURATE Camp is an unconference with an additional \$75 registration fee. Sunday and Monday are concurrent sessions with a lunch on Sunday that includes a Lightning Round and Community Showcase and the Monday lunch features Birds of a Feather.	
DLF	http://www.diglib.org/events/	Institutional membership			350	3 Saturday- Tuesday	Similar to Lunch Conversations at the NCCN meeting. Tuesday is a workshop.	
MLA	http://www.mla.org/convention		8000-10000		180	4 Thursday-Sunday	http://www.mla.org/innovative_proposals talks about some of the issues that MLA is addressing and they are very similar to ours. This year's conference includes an unconference on digital pedagogy: http://www.mla.org/program_details?prog_id=2&year=2013 and a THATCamp with workshops and activities http://mla2013.thatcamp.org/ MLA will be rolling out MLA Commons at the convention in which will have many more features for online discussion and collaboration that will occur in real time including twitter feed. People can also create their own schedules online and share them. This idea comes up frequently.	
MARAC	http://www.marac.info/assets/documents/	1000+	250-300	75 for members		3 Thurs.-Sat.	MARAC meets twice a year. While I did not look at a lot of programs, I did not see anything particularly innovative in the ones I looked at. There did seem to be a lot of flexibility, though, in the programming. For ex., the spring meeting had themes and concepts, the fall meeting did not. Someone familiar with MARAC might want to add some comments	

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NAGARA	http://www.nagara.org/displayconvention.cfm	Institutional membership		\$275	4	Wednesday-Saturday	NAGARA has multiple meetings. There is a 2 day E-Records Forum that has been held for the past 10 years and this year they have added a Judicial Records Forum. The regular meeting in the summer. Workshops are inexpensive (\$75-100). In addition to traditional sessions there are incubator sessions. These are described thusly: "It is designed to foster collaborative thinking and produce results. Participants will discuss an issue or topic (identifying specific concerns, challenges, goals); brainstorm possible actions (what might be done by organizations, repositories, and/or individuals; think big, get imaginative); vote on the priorities for action (not seeking consensus; everyone does not have to agree to do something, but just need to identify items of greatest need); make commitments to action or to work on persuading others to take action (you or your organization do not have to do it all or do it right away, but we will try to identify specific actions that can be taken during the next year)."	
NCCN	http://www.ncnonprofits.org/learn/conference	Institutional membership	752	199	2	Thursday-Friday	NCCN has introduced a number of informal ways for attendees to meet and talk. Most are not applicable to SAA, but two that seemed interesting were Lunch Conversations and Create Your Own Sessions. In Lunch Conversations, someone hosts a table and leads a discussion. In our case, the host might be someone in a leadership position, or a vendor wanting to hawk a product or a rep from a granting agency. The Create Your Session is similar to unconferecing except that one person posts a suggestion online and then tries to get attendees. You can also sign up for 10 minutes massages.	
NGS	http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info			175-210 (member), 210-245 (nonmember)	4	Wednesday - Saturday	Tracks and lecture themes, for technology, skills, . Roommate connections. Every session is marketed for a specific audience level (beginner to advanced, 5 levels). Ask an Expert session. Tours, receptions, talks, sessions, and workshops in conflict with one another.	
PLA	http://www.placonference.org/	10,408 (as of 2010)	8,700+	255 (PLA members); 310 (ALA members); 385 (nonmembers); 105 (students)	3-5 (2 days of preconference activities)	Thursday-Saturday (Tuesday and Wednesday preconference)	Preconference Unconference. Mobile App. Career Center, resume review clinic. 5 hour-long programs each day for Virtual Conference, plus an online 'happy hour' for online participants to discuss the day's programming.	
OAH	http://annualmeeting.oah.org/			130-170 (member), 75-100 (student/unemployed), 180-210 (nonmember), 95-120 (student nonmember), see: http://annualmeeting.oah.org/index.php/2013-annual-meeting	4	Thursday - Sunday	Roommate matching service. Service project related to profession (help with maintenance of a local historical house, after a tour). Allow for sessions to run in conflict with Presidential address. THATCamp on Wednesday. Six individual "Precircultated papers by senior scholars" Sessions (released 3 weeks prior, presented for 15 min, discussed by two commentators for 20-30 min, then open discussion). State of the Field Sessions (catch up on journal literature / crash course on what is going on). "Digital Drop In" - designed for hisotrians to meet with technologists, could be adapted for SAA to show colleagues various interesting technologies - could be very useful for lone arranges and those interested in digitization / website development / etc on a shoestring. Speed networking for experts and new grads. "What OAH Can Do For You" session for new attendees as well as "Getting the most out of the OAH Conference" session and a "New Members Break". Lightning Talks "Dine Arounuds" - members sign up to be facilitators for a specific topic, facilitators find a restaurant and interested members meet there, each pays for own lunch. Exhibitor Talks. Tickets for various meal functions (many different ones). "Dessert Before Dinner" event for early career professionals. Numerous Tours (at cost) scattered throughout conference - not always "organized" for the conference itself - often just collating, highlighting and providing information on tours that are already available. Sessions belong to 'themes' - for example, you can follow the "Historic Preservation and Landscape" "Archives" "Professional Development" or "New Media" track. Keynote address during a luncheon. CV Workshop.	
SLA	http://sla2012.sla.org/	10,000+	4,000-6,000	529 (early), 699 (advance), 799 (onsite), 379 (one day), 215 (retired), 190 (students), and other price points for non members, info-expo only, family members, etc	3 main days; conference expands 'backward' towards the weekend prior (Friday - Sunday) for additional workshops, meetings, tours, etc	Monday - Wednesday	Web badges for blogs, websites, etc for the lead up. Provides "Employer Approval Letter"- a template-letter that can be adapted when requesting funds/time to attend SLA. Social Media Lounge (sponsored). On-site luggage storage (for those who come to the conference straight from the plane and are staying elsewhere). "Spotlight Sessions" and "Hot Topic Sessions" help people target/navigate through all of the offerings. Many sessions are ticketed and have a cost beyond the registration cost. Conference planner allows you to pre-select your schedule and sync it with your phone (clicking on an event will also show you who else plans on attending). "Fellows and First Timers Meet" Networking event. "Meet the Candidates" Session - election takes place in Aug/Sept. Conference is in July.	
VRA	http://www.vraweb.org/conferences/vra30/	800 (as of 2010)	between 200 and 250	250 (early); 350 (regular); 125 (student, retirees, unemployed - early); 150 (student, retirees, unemployed - regular); 400 (nonmember early); 450 (nonmember regular)	4	mid-day Wednesday - mid-day Saturday pre-conference Wednesday - Friday (and Tuesday workshops), before ALA	"What's Your Story: VRA Open Mike Night" is a new form of welcome event in which attendees can raise issues, report on projects, and ask questions to get the conference networking started (everyone gets two minutes to share ideas on projects, topics, and professional scenarios using any form: Storytelling, visual aids (up to three PowerPoint slides, posters, etc.), singing, or simply straightforward description, etc); "Birds of a Feather" Networking Lunches provide conference attendees with an opportunity to socialize, network and casually discuss focused topics of interest over lunch (multiple); A "Vendor Slam" includes overviews of commercial partners' products and services, opportunities for follow-up questions and individual consultation, refreshments, prizes; Group meetings and Sessions overlap; Named fundraising dinner - additional cost; "Student Members & Emerging Professionals Luncheon" and "New Members & First Time Attendees Breakfast" (students, new professionals, leadership), organized by Membership Committee.	
RBMS	http://www.rbms.info/conferences/index..2010	1,800 (as of 2010)		280 (member); 325 (nonmember); 145 (retired); 125 (full-time student)	3 (4 including workshop day)	Wednesday - Friday (and Tuesday workshops), before ALA	Book Arts Fair; Technology Petting Zoo; Preconference Orientation and Introduction to RBMS; New Member Mixer; Different Formats: Seminars, Discussions, Brown Bags, Short Papers and Unconference events; Two 45 minute Beverage Breaks each day; "Restaurant Night"; Tours, Seminars, Discussions, etc all mixed together throughout (Workshops only on Tuesday at additional cost); Note: business and committee meetings are held during ALA, so these are not a factor here, but topical discussion sections are mixed throughout the meeting.	

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ACRL	http://www.ala.org/acrl/conferences	12,126 (as of 2010)		On site (includes virtual automatically): 380 - 500 for ACRL members depending on timing, 100-160 for full time library students depending on timing, discounts for institutions sending 10 or more (great incentive to help more people attend from any one institution), many price points (see: http://conference.acrl.org/registration-pages-169.php) / Virtual Only: 185 (ACRL member); 225 (ALA member); 265 (nonmember); 85 (full time library school student); 325 (Group of 3); 625 (Group of 4-9); 995 (Group of 10 or more)		Wednesday - 5 Sunday	"Tag" proposals with up to 3 keywords of 40 selected by conference planners to help conference goers choose which sessions to attend; "Cyber Zed Shed" with own planning committee - presenters are given 15 minutes to demonstrate an innovative new technology or application of existing technology, followed by 5 minutes of Q&A; Contributed Papers, Panel Sessions, Roundtable Discussions, Virtual Conference Webcasts. Simultaneous "Virtual Conference" - enhances conference for on-site attendees (free with registration), separate fee for off-site attendees, but provides content for these people. Proposals are judged on a variety of factors including "encourage active learning among conference attendees". Two hour and a half long refreshment / exhibit breaks given each day.	
iPres 2012	https://ipres.ischool.utoronto.ca/			450-650 (Conference only); 150-250 (Workshops only); 600-750 (full conference and workshops), many price points based on timing (see: https://ipres.ischool.utoronto.ca/)	2-5; two days for the main conference, two days before for workshops and tutorials, and one day after for conference papers and tutorials	Monday - Friday (Wednesday-Thursday for main conference)	Great at-a-glance website visualization of conference program (see: https://ipres.ischool.utoronto.ca/program). Formats: Workshops, Tutorials, Sessions, Panels. I think exploring the Workshop vs Tutorial idea might be interesting.	
JCDL	http://jcdl2012.info/			600-720 (member), 360-432 (lifetime member or student member), 750-900 (nonmember), 450-540 (student nonmember) - see: http://jcdl2012.info/registration		Sunday - 5 Thursday	Again, nice schedule-at-a-glance (http://jcdl2012.info/program). Two half hour breaks each day - all in the same location, so everyone returns to the same place for beverages and mingling. Technical sessions, Tutorials, and Workshops. "Minute Madness" Presentations.	